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## 2012 ALEXANDRIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE VALOR AWARDS

On April 26, members of the Police Department, Fire Department and Sheriff's Office were honored for their heroism and bravery at the 26th Annual Chamber of Commerce Valor Awards. Nine members of the Police Department received awards for their actions.

#### OFFICER ANTON KEITH: LIFESAVING AWARD

On the morning of July 20, Officer Anton Keith went to the top level of the Police Department's Avalon Bay parking garage to check on a police cruiser. He noticed a young man and stopped him to ask why he was in the police area of the garage. The young man seemed confused and gave vague answers. Officer Keith checked the man's information with local law enforcement databases. He determined the man did not have any outstanding warrants and informed him that he was free to leave.

As the young man was leaving, Officer Keith noticed he was walking towards a small stack of his personal items. Officer Keith saw a folding knife with the blade extended lying on top of the items. Officer Keith quickly approached, secured the knife, and asked the man why he had it. Without warning, the



Officer Anton Keith waits to receive his award as emcee Channel 7 Meteorologist Doug Hill reads about his act of bravery.

young man began to run. He ran across the garage up onto the ledge. He had one foot and one hand on the wall and was attempting to leap off the parking garage, five stories in the air. Officer Keith sprinted after the man. He caught him and pulled him back to safety before he could plunge over the parking garage ledge to the paved lot below. After the young man was taken into custody, a quick check of the his personal items revealed a suicide note. The man later told officers he spent all morning looking for a place to jump and the garage was the first place he found. He had been trying to build up the nerve to jump when Officer Keith found him. As a result of Officer Keith's quick actions and attention to detail the young man is alive and able to undergo the mental health treatment he needs.

#### SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD SHEILA RICHARDSON: LIFESAVING AWARD

On Thanksgiving Day, School Crossing Guard (SCG) Sheila Richardson was assigned to work the Thanksgiving Turkey Trot 5-Mile race. SCG Richardson was assigned to provide intersection control for the almost 5,000 event participants. Before the start of the race, SCG Richardson was approached by Parking Enforcement Officer Curtney Taylor. PEO Taylor said she was feeling ill, had pains in her chest and needed to go home. She asked SCG Richardson to tell the event supervisor she would not be able to cover her assignment.

SCG Richardson immediately recognized PEO Taylor was in medical distress and was adamant that PEO Taylor not attempt to drive herself home. The radio traffic was extremely busy in preparation for the start of the race. Unable to get on the radio, SCG Richardson used her personal cell phone to call 911 and get medical assistance to the area. She stayed with PEO Taylor and offered her support while waiting for medics to arrive. As radio traffic cleared, SCG Richardson requested that bike medics respond. Within minutes, bike medics and an ambulance arrived to the location and began treatment.

PEO Taylor was transported to Alexandria Hospital. Upon arrival she suffered a major heart attack and for a moment had no pulse and no vital signs. Hospital staff were able to resuscitate her. Doctors credited her survival of the heart attack to gotting medical attaction immediately and being in the present

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Deputy Chief Eddie Reyes presents School Crossing Guard Sheila Richardson with her Lifesaving Award.

to getting medical attention immediately and being in the presence of trained medical personnel.

Had PEO Taylor driven away the results could have been catastrophic. Thanks to School Crossing Guard Richardson, PEO Taylor is still with us today.

SERGEANT MICHAEL KOCHIS: BRONZE MEDAL OFFICER RAY GOLDEN: BRONZE MEDAL OFFICER GUSTAVO PAULINO: BRONZE MEDAL OFFICER RYAN WAPLE: BRONZE MEDAL

On October 30, officers responded to a domestic violence incident. The caller, who was stated his daughter's boyfriend was armed with a handgun and on the balcony and saying he wanted to kill himself. He stated the young man had been drinking and that he, his daughter and her 19 month-old baby were locked in an upstairs bedroom.

Officer Ryan Waple, Officer Ray Golden and Officer Gustavo Paulino arrived on the scene and set up a perimeter in front of the building. The apartment balcony was visible from the parking lot. There was no one on the balcony when officers arrived. Officer Golden got his M4 rifle and took position to view the balcony area

Officer Gustavo Paulino, Officer Ryan Waple and Sergeant Michael Kochis listen as Doug Hill speaks of their heroic actions.

of the apartment. Additional officers took positions to cover the front and rear of the building.

Sergeant Kochis arrived on the scene. As he was being briefed on the situation, the dispatcher came over the radio and said the suspect was banging on the bedroom door and trying to get into the locked room. Determining that the situation was a possible "active violent incident," Sergeant Kochis advised the officers they were going to make entry into the apartment. Sergeant Kochis directed Officer Golden to take the lead position, Officer Waple to kick the door open, if necessary, and Officer Paulino to back Officer Waple and follow him upon entry. Sergeant Kochis took the position of rear guard.

The officers entered the building and set up a formation outside the apartment door. Officer Waple announced their presence and got no response. Sergeant Kochis directed Officer Waple to kick the door open. Officer Waple kicked the door once. The suspect came up to the door. He said he didn't have the gun and was trying to open the door. Officers instructed the suspect to back away from the door and get on his knees with his hands behind his head; Officer Waple opened the door after kicking it several times. Officers found the suspect inside the living room area, on his knees. A loaded handgun was located in a closet directly next to the door of the locked bedroom.

The victims in the bedroom were not harmed. The suspect was transported to Inova Alexandria Hospital for a mental health evaluation. The officers bravery helped bring the dangerous incident to a quick and safe resolution.

## OFFICER JOSHUA LEACH: BRONZE MEDAL OFFICER ANTHONY GORHAM: BRONZE MEDAL OFFICER FRANK MCGRIGG: BRONZE MEDAL

On July 25, officers were dispatched to a call for a mentally ill young man who was becoming increasingly paranoid and aggressive. Officer Joshua Leach, Officer Frank McGrigg and Officer Anthony Gorhan, along with CSB Emergency Therapist Gabriel Duer, arrived at the apartment and were greeted by the man's mother. An assessment of the determined that an inpatient psychiatric hospitalization was needed.

Upon hearing this recommendation, the man became increasingly agitated. He lunged at his mother, but officers prevented him from hurting her. The man quickly turned and sprinted onto the apartment's fourth floor balcony. Without hesitation, he jumped.



Officer Joshua Leach, Officer Frank McGrigg and Officer Anthony Gorham take a picture with Deputy Chief Eddie Reyes.

apartment's fourth floor balcony. Without hesitation, he jumped. Amazingly, the officers, who had been running after him, caught him in mid-air. The officers struggled to bring the young man back onto the balcony, using bed sheets, television cables and whatever else they could find to prevent him from falling. After 15 minutes, officers were finally able to bring the young man back onto the safety of the balcony and the man was transported to the lnova Alexandria Hospital. Had it not been for the swift actions and unwavering determination of Officers Leach, McGrigg and Gorham this incident could have had a far different outcome.

## SERGEANT CHARLES SECKLER: CERTIFICATE OF VALOR OFFICER PATRICK TAYLOR: CERTIFICATE OF VALOR OFFICER TAREK HELMY: BRONZE MEDAL

On the evening of December 25, officers were dispatched to a domestic disturbance. A woman said she wanted her estranged husband to leave her home. She said he was on medication and had been drinking. The husband was in their 25 year-old daughter's bedroom and was refusing to leave.

Sergeant Charles Seckler and Officers Patrick Taylor and Tarek Helmy arrived on the scene and were greeted by the woman. They entered the residence and Officer Helmy spotted the suspect standing behind. His eyes were red and bloodshot. The woman repeated that she wanted the suspect to leave her home.



Deputy Chief Eddie Reyes presented Sergeant Charles Seckler, Officer Patrick Taylor and Officer Tarek Helmy with their awards.

Officer Helmy approached the suspect with Sergeant Seckler and Officer Taylor behind him. As he moved closer, Officer Helmy asked the suspect to tell them his side of the story outside of the residence. The suspect began to move. Sergeant Seckler asked him if he had a weapon. He responded "yes," and reached for his right back pocket. Sergeant Seckler and Officer Taylor began to draw their weapons. With lightning speed, Officer Helmy, who was closest to the suspect, grabbed the suspect's arm and secured the gun in his pocket. The gun was cleared for safety and was found to be loaded with nine rounds, although none had been fired.

When the officers later interviewed the suspect, he stated he had come to his estranged wife's house to confront her about a rumor concerning her and another man. He said he had come to "straighten his family out." The suspect was also on a prescription pain medication known to cause hallucinations when combined with alcohol. As a result of these officers' quick thinking and cohesive team work a possible tragedy was prevented.

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

#### EARL L. COOK, CHIEF OF POLICE

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Looking back on the almost three years I have served as Chief of Police, I am continually amazed by the dedication and bravery the sworn, civilian and volunteer members of the Police Department have demonstrated on a daily basis. Such commitment has resulted in record lows, once again, in the City's Part 1 crime rate and visible, sustained improvements in communities throughout the City. These historic lows in crime would not be possible without the innovative thinking and hard work of these men and women.

However, I am also reminded of the inherent risks involved in serving our City as public safety professionals. Nowhere is this more apparent than in the actions of the 2012 Chamber of Commerce Valor Award winners. Each of these outstanding officers showed honor and selflessness in extremely difficult, often life threatening situations. I could not be

more proud of these men and women. At the same time, their experiences serve as a reminder of the dangers of our profession and that others before us have given their lives in service to others.

I am honored to have the privilege of working with these, and all, the men and women who continue to provide unwavering support to their communities.

Peace,

Carl L. Cook

Chief of Police

## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE RECOGNIZES ALEXANDRIA OFFICERS

In February, Officer Nicholas Ruggiero and Officer Matt Kramarick received recognition from the United States Department of Justice (USDOJ) Community-Oriented Policing (COPS) Office for their initiative in creating the COPS for Christmas program, a program designed to expose at-risk youth to positive images of police. Both officers were featured in the USDOJ COPS Office February 2012 newsletter.

In 2010, Officer Ruggiero noticed a spike in juvenile nuisance crimes in his patrol beat. A closer look revealed that the primary age group of the youth offenders was between 13 to 16 and many of the youth offenders had younger, at-risk siblings. With this knowledge Officer Ruggiero recruited Officer Kramarick to create "COPS for Christmas." The program was intended to bring holiday cheer while leaving a positive impression of police to at-risk youth.

The first year, Officer Ruggiero and Officer Kramarik recruited community organizations and local businesses to help with the purchasing of Christmas gifts for the young people. Giant Foods supplied donations of food for the 19 selected families. In 2011, the COPS for Christmas program tripled its donations through online



Officer Nicholas Ruggiero (left) and Officer Matthew Kramarick (right) hand out donated gifts.

giving, the officers took 135 photos of children with Santa, and the Department gave 145 gifts to 22 different children.

## FOURTH PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY A SUCCESS IN ALEXANDRIA

On Saturday, April 28, 2012, from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M., the Alexandria Police Department and the Alexandria Sheriff's Office, with cooperation from the Substance Abuse Coalition of Alexandria, collected 227 pounds of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs for destruction at the fourth National Prescription Drug Take Back Day.

More than 5,000 collections sites nationwide participated in the program this past Saturday and more than 3,150 pounds were collected in the Northern Virginia area alone. In Alexandria, residents dropped off unused prescription medications at three drop sites in the City. The sites included Police Headquarters, the George Washington Masonic Memorial and the parking lot of the Del Ray Pharmacy. The service was free and anonymous.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and

public health issue. Many Americans are not aware that medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the United States are increasing at alarming rates, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, many Americans do not know how to properly dispose of their unused medicine, often flushing them down the toilet or throwing them away – both potential safety and health hazards.

Other participants in this initiative include the Partnership for a Drug-Free America; the International Association of Chiefs of Police; the National Association of Attorneys General; the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy; the Federation of State Medical Boards; and the National District Attorneys Association.

## K-9 OFFICERS RECOGNIZED AT USPCA REGION 3 ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

On February 25, the USPCA Region 3 held their Annual Awards Banquet at Bolling Air Force Base to honor all recipients.

On October 8, 2011, three teams from the Alexandria Police Department's K-9 Unit participated in the (USPCA) United States Police Canine Association Region 3 Narcotic Detection Trials. The three teams were K-9 Officer Carlos Rolon and "Ajax," K-9 Officer Brian Fromm and "Titan" and K-9 Officer Stephen Brown and "Bosco." All three competed in the Individual trials and joined together to compete in the Team Trials.

The Police Department's K-9 Team received First Place in the Team Trials, scoring 591.84 out of 600 points. Twenty-seven officers and their K-9 partners competed in the Individual Trials. K-9 Officer Rolon and "Ajax" received Third Place, K-9 Officer Fromm and "Titan" received Sixth Place and K-9 Officer Brown and "Bosco" received Seventh Place.



(second from left to right) K-9 Officer Carlos Rolon, K-9 Officer Stephen Bosco and K-9 Officer Brian Fromm

## POLICE EMPLOYEES GRADUATE FROM LEADERSHIP MAMANGEMENT INSTITUTE

On Monday, January 30, Sergeant Courtney
Ballantine and Lieutenant Shahram Fard graduated
from the City of Alexandria's Leadership
Management Institute (LMI). A graduation ceremony
was held for all 15 LMI participants at the Lyceum,
located on South Washington Street. The new City
Manager, Rashad Young, was on hand to
congratulate the graduates and present them with
their certificates.

The LMI is a 10-week intensive program designed to empower, educate, support and connect motivated individuals who possess the capacity for effective leadership. Through a comprehensive program which embraces the City's guidance principles and its commitment to diversity, the LMI promotes continuous, professional development and supports personal growth resulting in dynamic leaders and managers.



Bruce Johnson, Sergeant Courtney Ballantine, Lynda Barbieri-Strain and City Manager Rashad Young stand by as Lieutenant Shahram Fard reads the certificate each LMI graduate will be presented.

## ALEXANDRIA EXPERIENCES HISTORIC LOWS IN PART 1 CRIME

The Alexandria Police Department reports that total Part 1 crime decreased by 1.6% or 58 offenses, in calendar year 2011. This continues the trend of historic lows in Alexandria. These are the lowest Part 1 crimes the City has experienced since 1966. Homicide, burglary, larceny and aggravated assaults declined in 2011; while rapes increased by one offense, robberies increased by five offenses and auto thefts increased by 92 offenses.

"I am pleased to announce that the City of Alexandria experienced yet another historic low for crime in 2011,' said Police Chief Earl L. Cook. Our success in continuing to reduce crime and improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods is a direct result of the quality, hard work and dedication of our sworn, civilian and volunteer staff. Our strong partnerships within the community, the Commonwealth's Attorney Office and other City agencies are an integral part of the successful reduction in crime. We remain committed to keeping crime low and maintaining a safe and vibrant community."

### 2011 PART 1 CRIME STATISTICS

Crime Type	2010	2011	Change	% Change
Homicide*	3	1	-2	-66.7%
Rape	20	21	1	5.0%
Robbery	125	130	5	4.0%
Aggravated Assault	125	112	-13	-10.4%
Burglary	310	308	-2	-0.6%
Larceny	2,805	2,666	-139	-5.0%
Auto Theft	282	374	92	32.6%
Total	3,670	3,612	-58	-1.6%

<sup>\*</sup>After the 2011 annual stats were finalized, a sudden death incident was reclassified as a homicide. Therefore, the revised 2010 homicide total increased from two to three.



# K-9 UNIT COMPETES IN UNITED STATES POLICE CANINE ASSOCIATION PD-1 TRIALS

On April 28 and 29, the Alexandria Police Department's K-9 Unit participated in the United States Police Canine Association's PD-1 (Patrol Dog) Trials. The trials were held at Hensley Field in Alexandria.

Competing in the trials were Sergeant Steve Carr and "G'Kar," Officer Steve Escobar and "Gracie," Officer Kyle Russel and "Chance," and Officer Mark Wuckovich and "Rocco."

All four handlers and their K-9 partners earned certification in the trials. In addition, they earned the following awards. Awards were given for teams that competed in the past and a special 'Novice' Category for Teams that competed for the first time.

- Mark Wuckovich and "Rocco": 2nd Place Overall, 2nd Place Agility, 2nd Place Obedience, 3rd Place Criminal Apprehension
- Steve Escobar and "Gracie": 1st Place Overall -Novice, 1st Place Obedience - Novice, 1st Place Criminal Apprehension - Novice
- Kyle Russel and "Chance": 1st Place Novice Search (Box search and Article Search), 2nd Place Overall - Novice, 2nd Place Agility -Novice, 3rd Place Criminal Apprehension – Novice

The Police Department also entered one team in the Team Competition. The team was comprised of Officer Russel and "Chance," Officer Escobar and "Gracie," and Officer Wuckovich and "Rocco."
The team received 1st place in Team Competition.



Officer Kyle Russel and "Chance," Officer Steve Escobar and "Gracie," and Officer Mark Wuckovich and "Rocco" pose with the awards they earned during the USPCA PD-1 Trials.



Officer Kyle Russel and "Chance" use Officer Mark Wuckovich as a target during the Criminal Apprehension portion of the USPCA PD-1 Trials.



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# ALEXANDRIA POLICE CONGRATULATES CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM GRADUATES

On Friday, March 30, members of the Alexandria Police Department and Sheriff's Office graduated from the Crisis Intervention Team's training academy. A graduation ceremony was held at 2:30 P.M. at Police Department Headquarters.

The Alexandria Police Department and Sheriff's Office developed the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) through a partnership with the City's Department of Mental Health. A Crisis Intervention Team is comprised of highly skilled and specially trained police officers who function as part of the regular police patrol. Through their training, these officers receive 40 hours of specialized training in the recognition of psychiatric disorders, suicide intervention, substance abuse issues, verbal deescalation techniques, the role of the family in the care of a person with mental illness, and legal training in mental health and substance abuse issues. In addition to classroom instruction, officers-intraining also participate in role playing exercises based on real-life scenarios and spend an entire day visiting mental health and substance abuse inpatient and outpatient treatment facilities where they have the opportunity to engage in one-on-one dialogue with mental health consumers, and learn about resources available to help people in crisis.



Graduates of the most recent Crisis Intervention Team course celebrate their graduation with a ceremony held on March 30.

This academy's graduates are EMS Supervisor Bryan Meckes, EMS Supervisor Mike Cahill, Deputy Sheriff Kevin Brown, Officer Ford Rhee, Lieutenant John Mark Bergin, Officer Frank Powers, Officer Ryan Clinch, Probation and Parole Officer Joe Samluk, Officer Dan Schultz, Officer Doug Serven II, Officer Daniel Canniff, Deputy Sheriff Raymond Veney, Lieutenant Shirl Mammarella, Deputy Sheriff Marvia Anderson, Deputy Sheriff Georgianna Howard and Officer Marcus Downey.

#### REBUILDING TOGETHER ALEXANDRIA

On April 28, employees of the Police Department came together to repair the home of an Alexandrian in-need.

The police employees took part in Rebuilding Together Alexandria, a program that brings volunteers, communities and resources together to improve the homes and lives of resident in need. On this Saturday, nearly 1,000 volunteers helped inneed homeowners across the City. Since 1986, Rebuilding Together Alexandria has provided free home repairs to more than 1,400 homeowners and provided \$5.5 million worth of in-kind contributions. For more information, please visit www.rebuildingtogetheralex.org.



Officers Matthew Kramarik and J.P. Panesar help repair the kitchen of a City resident.

## OFFICER MARCUS DOWNEY WINS YMCA VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

On February 9, the Peninsula Metropolitan YMCA honored Officer Marcus Downey as its Volunteer of the Year during a ceremony held at the Hampton Convention Center in Hampton, Virginia.

Officer Downey won the award for the hard work and dedication he has demonstrated as a volunteer for the Alexandria Police Youth Camp (APYC). In addition to spending the past few summers the APYC as a counselor, he has been a member of the camp's board for the past two years. Though he has been lucky enough to get paid for his summers at the APYC, Officer Downey volunteers several times a year to attend meetings and provide labor needed to keep the camp in working order.

Officer Downey also helps raise money for the APYC. He volunteers his time at the camps' annual Christmas tree sales, where all profits benefit the camp. In addition to the time he spends on the APYC, over the past few years Officer Downey has participated in the Polar Plunge in Northern Neck,



Officer Marcus Downey is congratulated by Debra Flores, APYC Board President and Cassie Leichty, APYC Camp Director, on his award.

VA. He raised \$2,000.00 in pledges in 2012, which benefit the Special Olympics.

## ROMIE HOLMES RETIRES AFTER 10 YEARS OF SERVICE

On April 1, Romie Holmes retired after 10 years of dedicated service to the Alexandria Police Department.

Romie graduated with honors from National Louis University with a B.A. in Business Management. He received his polygraph Training from the Maryland Institute of Criminal Justice and successfully completed the F.B.I. Advanced Polygraph Training Course.

Romie began his career as a police officer in 1969 with the Arlington County Police Department. He served there for 33 years. At the time of his retirement in 2002, he was serving as their senior polygraph examiner and polygraph intern supervisor. Almost immediately after retiring from Arlington Police, Romie began working with the Alexandria Police Department as a polygraph examiner. He provided 10 years of dedicated service before retiring in 2012.



Polygraph Examiner Romie Holmes is given a shadow box by Lieutenant Derek Gaunt at his retirement celebration.

Romie has served in board positions with the American Polygraph Association and Virginia Polygraph Association. He is looking forward to his retirement in Leland, North Carolina with his wife, Arlene, where he will vigorously pursue his hobbies of golf and photography.

## CAPTAIN DAVID RAY RETIRES AFTER 26 YEARS OF SERVICE

Captain David Ray began his career with the Alexandria Police Department in January 1986 as a patrol officer. He served in this capacity for six years before becoming a Community-Oriented Policing (COPS) officer in 1992.

Captain Ray transferred back to Patrol in February 1993 where he worked for three months before becoming a Residential Police Officer (RPO) in April 1993. He was one of the first officers to serve as an RPO in the Samuel Madden community.

In 1996, Captain Ray was promoted to sergeant and moved back to patrol, this time as a supervisor. He was transferred to the Community Services Section in 1999. He served here until his promotion to Lieutenant in 2001 when he moved back to patrol. In 2003, Captain Ray was moved to the Parking Division. He served there for a short time until he was transferred back to patrol in February 2004.

In May 2004, Captain Ray was promoted to captain. He worked in the Patrol Operations Bureau



Captain David Ray receives a letter of appreciation from Chief Cook at his retirement luncheon at Joe Theismann's on March 27.

until May 2007 when he was transferred to the Support Services Section. In November 2008, Captain Ray moved the Traffic Division where he worked until his retirement this April.

#### PART 1 CRIME STATISTICS

OFFENSE	2011	2012	% CHANGE
Homicide	0	0	0
Rape	11	3	-72.23
Robbery	34	51	50.00
Aggravated Assault	40	43	7.50
Burglary	90	75	-16.6 <i>7</i>
Larceny	817	724	-11.38
Auto Theft	90	90	0
Total	1,082	986	-8.87%

<sup>\*</sup>Crime statistics are for the period of January 1 through April 30, 2012, and are compared to the same period of the previous year. The numbers in the chart are raw and unverified. They are not the final crime statistic values for 2012 and may be changed by our review process.





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#### POLICE DEPARTMENT IN ACTION



Officer Mark Wuckovich and "Rocco" film a segment with Mayor William D. Euille for the State of the City video.



The Honor Guard and Motor Unit prepare to participate in the St. Patrick's Day Parade held on March 3.



Channel 7 Meteorologist Doug Hill speaks as Mayor Euille, Fire Chief Adam Thiel, Undersheriff Tony Davis and Deputy Chief Eddie Reyes prepare to present a Valor Award.



Officer Steve Escobar and "Gracie" take a walk during the USPCA PD-1 Trials.



Officer Kyle Russel and "Chance" compete in the USPCA PD-1 Trials held in Alexandria on April 28-29.

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## ALEXANDRIA POLICE DEPARTMENT MISSION AND VALUES

The mission of the Alexandria Police Department is to provide competent, courteous, professional and community-oriented police services. We are committed to maintaining and enhancing a strong and productive partnership with the community to continue to reduce crime and improve the quality of life in all of Alexandria's neighborhoods. We are dedicated to protecting life and property while assuring fair and equal treatment to everyone.

Central to the Department's mission are the values that guide its work and decisions.

We, the men and women of the Alexandria Police Department, value:

- Human Life
- Dignity
- Integrity
- Laws and Constitution
- Excellence
- Accountability
- Cooperation
- Problem-solving
- Ourselves

#### **2012 RETIREMENTS**

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